

Regarding: HB-6672, Section 6

March 22, 2013

Dear Committee Members,

This letter is in support of HB-6672, Section 6

An easement held by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection over the Connecticut Valley Hospital Watershed Lands is definitely needed to ensure the permanent protection of these reservoirs and natural resources in southern Middletown.

Although these lands are not presently in danger of development, we are very concerned about development in the future if the reservoirs are no longer in use. By DEEP holding the easement over the Connecticut Valley Watershed lands, we believe their permanent protection will be guaranteed. The preservation of these lands will also contribute to important habitat preservation of Maromas, an almost 3000 acre unfragmented forest.

Multiple environmental organizations consider this area of Middletown worthy of protection. It can boast besides multiple, varied, large and undisturbed habitats, a wildlife corridor and an almost unspoiled, beautiful landscape.

Some of these watershed lands that HB-6672 will protect are also bordered by already preserved lands.

Thank you and sincerely,

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